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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Alfred McCormack
Lt. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg
Rear Adm. Thomas B. Inglis
Brig. Gen. George C. McDonald
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

SUBJECT: Policy on Liquidation of the Strategic Services Unit

ENCLOSURES: a. Draft W.I.A. Directive, Same Subject
b. Draft Directive from the Secretary of War to
the Director, Strategic Services Unit

REFERENCE: C.I.G. Directive No. 1

The report, a copy of which you received, of the ad hoc committee established pursuant to C.I.G. Directive No. 1 has been under study by the Central Intelligence Group. Based upon the recommendations contained in that report, the enclosed draft directives have been prepared as a means of implementing those recommendations.

The enclosures, therefore, are transmitted for your consideration and for discussion at a meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Board early next week. Arrangements for this meeting will be made by subsequent communication.

SIDNEY W. SOUERS
Director

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

N.I.A. DIRECTIVE NO. ____

POLICY ON LIQUIDATION OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT

Reference: A. The Executive Order of 20 September 1945, subject: "Termination of the Office of Strategic Services and Disposition of its Functions"

B. C.I.G. Directive No. 1

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of the letter from the President dated 22 January 1946 which designated this Authority as responsible for planning, developing and coordinating the Federal foreign intelligence activities so as to assure the most effective accomplishment of the intelligence mission related to the national security, the following policies and procedures relating to the liquidation of the Strategic Services Unit are announced:

1. The national interest demands that the complete liquidation of SSU shall not be accomplished until it is determined which of its functions and activities are required for the permanent Federal foreign intelligence program, and should therefore be transferred to the Central Intelligence Group or other agencies in order that its useful assets may not be lost. Such determination and transfers shall be made and the liquidation of the remainder of SSU shall be completed as promptly as possible and prior to 1 July 1947. The Director of Central Intelligence shall issue the necessary directives to effect the liquidation. He will make recommendations to this Authority as to the intelligence activities permanently required in the peace-time effort.

2. During the period of liquidation the SSU should be administered and operated so as to service, to the extent practicable, the intelligence agencies subject to our coordination. The Director of Central Intelligence shall issue the necessary directives to the Director of SSU required to accomplish this mission.

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3. The Director of Central Intelligence may direct the transfer, to the Central Intelligence Group unit carried under the Secretary of War, of funds, personnel, and facilities of SSU that are useful for the performance of authorized functions of the Central Intelligence Group.

4. The War Department will take the necessary budgetary action to carry out this program.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director, Strategic Services Unit

Effective immediately, you are directed to continue the liquidation of the Strategic Services Unit (SSU) as ordered in paragraph 3 of the Executive Order dated 20 September 1945, subject: "Termination of the Office of Strategic Services and Disposition of Its Functions". The liquidation will be completed not later than 30 June 1947.

The liquidation of SSU will be coordinated with the development of the permanent peace-time intelligence program. You will carry out the liquidation in accordance with instructions of the Director of Central Intelligence or his designated representative. The Director or his representative will deal directly with you. He will have such staff as he requires working with SSU.

During the period of liquidation you will administer and operate the SSU so as to service the intelligence agencies under the National Intelligence Authority in accordance with directives provided by the Director of Central Intelligence or his designated representative.

Previous War Department instructions relating to this problem are amended accordingly.

Secretary of War

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